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COMPLAINT

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
Roger A.G. Sharpe, Clerk

(PLAINTIVE)

STEVEN BOWERS

VS

CAUSE NO.

3:20-cv-205-RLY-MPB

(DEFENDANTS)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

SGT Feller

Sheriff DAVID WEDDING

A.) PARTIES

1.) PLAINTIFF IS A CITIZEN OF INDIANA, AND IS LOCATED AT 3500  
N. HARLEN AVENUE, EVANSVILLE, IN 47711

2.) Defendants

1) INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, 302 Washington Street  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

2) SHERIFF DAVID WEDDING, 3500 N HARLEN AVENUE,  
EVANSVILLE, IN 47711

3.) SARGENT Feller, 3500 N HARLEN AVENUE, EVANSVILLE,  
IN 47711

## B.) STATEMENT OF CLAIM

ON OR ABOUT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2020 I THE PLAINTIFF; STEVEN W. BOWERS REQUESTED THAT THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY Jail supply me with a KOSHER meal that meets (KASHAR LAW) THIS IS THE LAW THAT DETERMINES THE STANDARD FOR KOSHER Food/DISH about a week LATER THEY PLACED me on a CALTO ONE diet (NOT KOSHER) THEY JUST LABELED IT KOSHER. THIS Jail Does not HAVE A KOSHER Kitchen (or) KOSHER oven utensils, ETC. THEREFORE THERE IS NO way to provide a KOSHER meal with out cross contaminating KOSHER Food with UKOSHER Food. SGT Feller just INSTRUCTS THE Kitchen to write a KOSHER LABEL.

I Am Sentenced to the Department of Corrections. I HAVE wrote them THE SHERIFF DAVID wedding and SGT Feller told I REQUIRE a KOSHER meal But I still Am not receiving a Full clean KOSHER meal THEY HAVE NO KOSHER Kitchen (or) way to provide a KOSHER meal.

on about the 25<sup>TH</sup> of July I Spoke to SGT Feller in the DOT Room of A-3. I ASKED him to HAVE me Sent to Prison (or) A D.O.C. Hold since this is NOT A D.O.C. Holding Facility and I HAVE and Am Sentenced to I.D.O.C. SGT Feller Told me AND (I HAVE included a witness Statement) THAT BECAUSE OF my Jewish religion I would STAY in THE VANDERBURGH county Jail which is not a D.O.C. Hold over. THIS IS Discriminative.

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I wrote the D.O.C. at 302 Washington Street  
in Indianapolis, IN and informed them that I  
am Jewish, not receiving a KOSHER meal, and  
sentenced to the Indiana Department of Correction.  
I also wrote Sheriff David Welby on the  
kiosk.

This place is not capable of providing a  
KOSHER meal on extended sentences. I have been to  
Putnamville Correctional Institute 3 times because of  
my KOSHER Diet why am I not being housed  
when I can have a KOSHER meal.

I am NOT receiving a KOSHER meal  
that meets KASHRUT laws. I am being held  
and discriminated against because my Jewish  
Religion.

C. JURISDICTION

☒ I am suing for a violation of federal law under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

OR

☐ I am suing under state law. The state citizenship of the plaintiff(s) is (are) different from the state citizenship of every defendant, and the amount of money at stake in this case (not counting interest and costs) is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

D. RELIEF WANTED

Describe what you want the court to do if you win your lawsuit. Examples may include an award of money or an order telling defendants to do something or stop doing something.

I AM NOW REQUESTING THAT I BE MOVED TO A  
PRISON FACILITY THAT HAS A KOSHER KITCHEN I  
AM REQUESTING THAT VANDERBURY COUNTY WILL  
BUILD A KOSHER KITCHEN I AM REQUESTING  
\$ 350,000 DOLLAR IN U.S. CURRENCY FOR  
RELIEF

E. JURY DEMAND

☒ Jury Demand - I want a jury to hear my case  
OR

☐ Court Trial - I want a judge to hear my case

Dated this 28 day of AUGUST 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]  
Signature of Plaintiff

970638  
Plaintiff's Prisoner ID Number

3500 N. HADLEY AVENUE  
EVANSVILLE, IN 47711  
(Mailing Address of Plaintiff)

(If more than one plaintiff, use another piece of paper).

REQUEST TO PROCEED IN DISTRICT COURT WITHOUT PREPAYING THE  
FILING FEE

☒ I DO request that I be allowed to file this complaint without paying the filing fee. I have completed a request to proceed in the district court without prepaying the fee and attached it to the complaint.

☐ I DO NOT request that I be allowed to file this complaint without prepaying the filing fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, and I have included the full filing fee with this complaint.